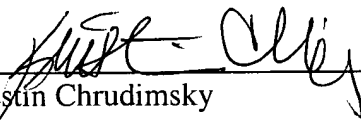


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2002, in the above referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants have attached a marked-up version of the claim amendments and a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time. Applicants believe the fee due for the Petition is \$930.00 and enclose a check in this amount, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 28, 33 and 34.

Please amend the following claims as indicated below and on the attached marked-up version of the original claims that indicates the amendments.

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